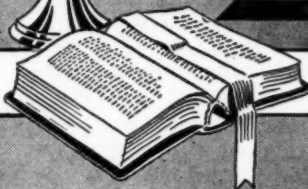


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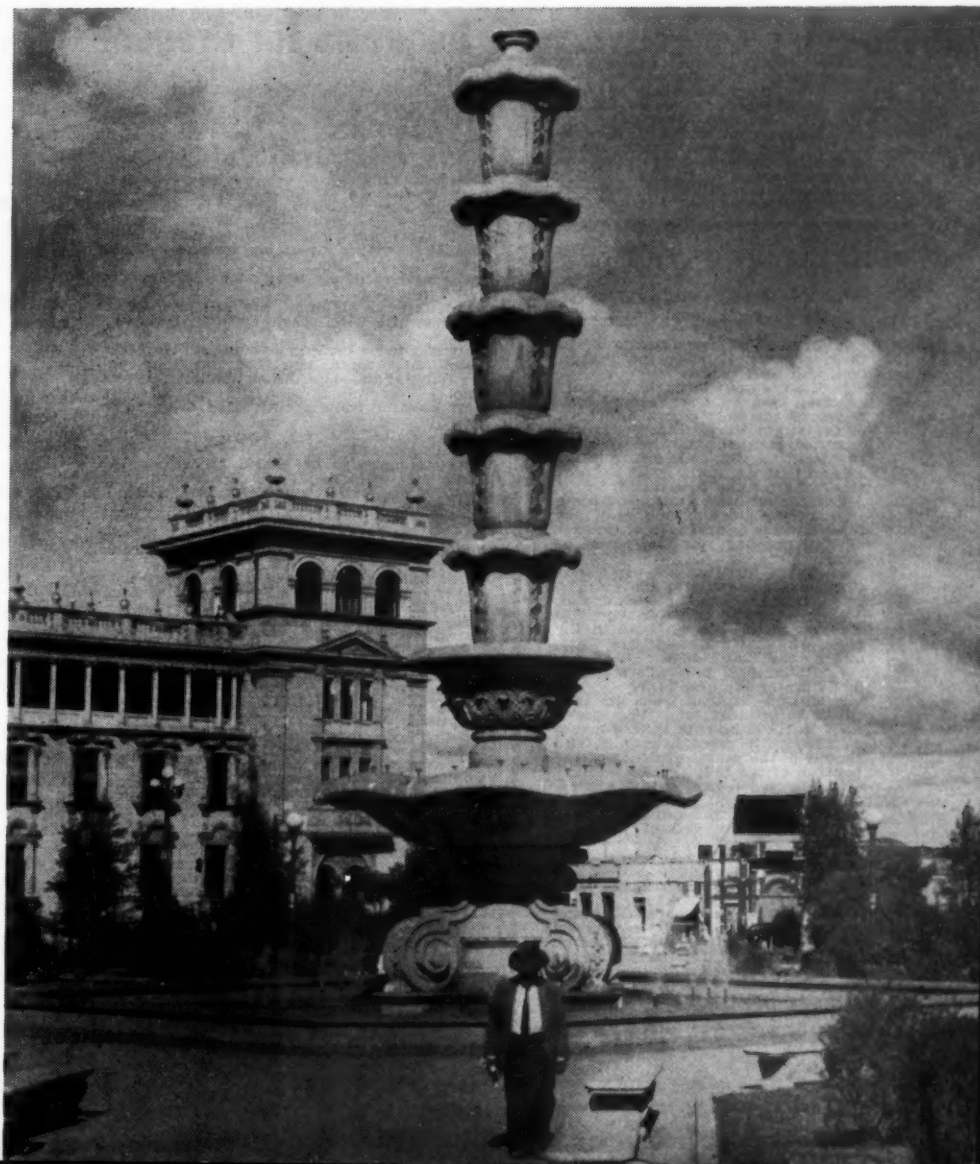
THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

There is a fountain filled with
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plung'd beneath that
flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day,
And there may I tho' vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the
stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my
theme,
And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping stam-
m'ring tongue,
Lies silent in the grave.



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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

ATTENTION PLEASE

If anyone has relatives or friends at Fort Payne, Alabama, whom you would like for me to visit, will you please drop me a card?—J. W. (Buddie) Bunn, Pastor, 401 Godfrey Avenue, Fort Payne, Alabama.

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Illinois	11	South Carolina	18
Idaho	3	South Dakota	3
Indiana	1	Tennessee	51
Iowa	1	Texas	8
Kansas	1	Virginia	28
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Louisiana	19	Washington, D. C.	1
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Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

- My daughter to be healed.—Bill Hicks, Shelby, Ohio.
- My husband to be saved; God to heal my body and give me the Holy Ghost.—Lois Lambert, Ferrellsburg, W. Va.
- God to heal my brother of asthma.—Eunice Spivey, Hemingway, S. C.
- My brother to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Viola McGhee, Kingston, Tenn.
- God to save my husband and son from the drink habit; me to be healed so that I might be able to walk without my crutches.—Myrtle Dotson, Ashland, Ky.
- The healing of my body.—Mrs. M. C. Jones, Dyersburg, Tenn.
- My unsaved children; my husband to get closer to the Lord.—Cora Digmon, Pensacola, Fla.
- My son to be healed; my son and daughter-in-law to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Ethel Willhoite, Aurora, Colo.
- My husband to be healed.—Mrs. E. Hammon, Rich Hill, Mo.
- The healing of my body.—Joyce Bailey, Turrell, Ark.
- My grandson to be healed of asthma; my loved ones who are in sin; Mrs. Smith to be healed.—Mrs. Lettie Adkins, Dunlow, W. Va.
- My eyes to be healed.—Burl Newton, Shaw, Miss.
- My daddy to be healed of low blood, nervous indigestion, and smothering.—Lula Cuole, Easley, S. C.
- The complete healing of my body; my sister and her husband to be saved.—Mrs. Sudie Lawrence, Booneville, Miss.
- Me to be healed of arthritis.—J. G. Thompson, Chokoloskee, Fla.
- A man to be healed of T. B.—Floyd Holt, McCrory, Ark.
- My son who is a cripple; me.—Minnie Newport, Weir, Kans.
- The healing of my body.—Mrs. Lee Caskey, Hamilton, Ohio.
- Rev. W. T. Dodson who has had a stroke.—Cora Dodson, Locust Grove, Okla.
- The healing of my body.—Mrs. Anna Pierce, Columbia, Miss.
- The healing of my body.—Ernie O. Harrelson, Grayson, La.
- Me to get closer to the Lord and know His will; my unsaved children; the healing of my husband's body; my healing.—Mrs. Howard Whisman.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

Written by William Tyler Page, Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, in 1917, and adopted and promulgated by the Government's Committee on Publication. Accepted

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I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

BRASWELL

In memory of my mother, Mrs. Minnie Braswell, who departed this life March 8, 1949, to be with her Saviour whom she loved so much. She had been a faithful worker for the Lord for about thirty-five years and a member of the Church of God for about twenty years.—Graham Braswell, Smithfield, N. C.

GRIFFIN

The unwelcome guest visited our home on February 19, 1949, and took my father, J.G. Griffin, Sr., who was only fifty-nine years old. He had been saved about four months, and was seeking deeper experiences with the Lord. When I joined the Church of God nine years ago he said I had ruined the family and lost all my pride and friends, but I held on to God, praying and fasting, and he began attending our church. He had been attending for about seven years. His funeral was conducted at the Church of God on Napier Avenue, Macon, Ga., by Rev. J. A. Bixler, and he was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery, Macon, Ga. to await the recall in heaven.—Glynn Griffin, Clerk-Treasurer, Macon, Ga., Church of God.

TERRELL

Brother William Elzie Terrell slipped away to his Christian reward April 14, 1949, at the age of sixty years. Surviving him are his wife and eleven children. The church membership, as well as his family, has sustained a loss.

... Editorials ...

Beatitudes for Preachers

1. *Blessed* is the preacher who has learned in the school of experience to be himself, in his work, in the pulpit, and on the street.
2. *Blessed* is the preacher who has learned that the grass is not always greener "on the other side (district)."
3. *Blessed* is the preacher who has learned to preach encouraging messages to his people who live in a troubled world.
4. *Blessed* is the preacher who has learned that there are some churches where his ministry would not fit.
5. *Blessed* is the preacher who really loves his people with a pure heart, fervently.
6. *Blessed* is the preacher who has a church board, department heads, and laity who respect leadership.
7. *Blessed* is the preacher who can adjust himself to this age of speed, and preach a sermon while others are getting warmed up.
8. *Blessed* is the preacher who has sense enough to allow his people to participate in the service by singing, testifying, and giving.
9. *Blessed* is the preacher who knows when and how much discipline to administer.
10. *Blessed* is the preacher who can keep his congregation in the middle of the road, so they will have freedom and liberty without rant.
11. *Blessed* is the preacher who learns in early life to cooperate with district and general program.
12. *Blessed* is the preacher who discovers that he will probably have only three or four pastorates where he really fits in and is properly mated to his church.
13. *Blessed* is the preacher who strives to be a soul winner and expects God to cooperate with him.
14. *Blessed* is the preacher who can be a friend to other young ministers and to youth in general.
15. *Blessed* is the preacher who, by God's help, can choose an appropriate text for his Sabbath day message.
16. *Blessed* is the preacher who can preach a sermon without rambling.
17. *Blessed* is the preacher who carries a timepiece and glances at it occasionally while preaching.
18. *Blessed* is the preacher who has daily communion with the God of the universe.
19. *Blessed* is the preacher who possesses and guards a pure heart.
20. *Blessed* is the preacher who comes down to old age strong in faith and upright in honor.—Ward B. Chandler, in *Preacher's Magazine*.

More Beatitudes

Blessed is the preacher that can testify without preaching. There are times when actually a preacher is not to preach, and the people don't want to hear him, no matter how excellently he preaches or how greatly pleased and impressed the people are with his preaching. That particular time to which I have reference is a testimony service. Too often, the minister makes a very unfavorable impression on the congregation by waxing so warm and lengthy in a testimony in the praise service that he turns

loose a sermon on the service, with the consequence of depriving his members and friends of their rightful privilege of expressing themselves.

Generally, such selfish conduct is by "would-be preachers" instead of experienced, bonified preachers. I know of such a person (a good man, but with more zeal than knowledge), who, in the pastor's absence, testified, sang, testified, shouted, testified, and kept on testifying until he had become either a laughingstock, object of ridicule, or an unindurable bore for an hour and a half. Of course, when the pastor properly sized up the situation, he and the church council decided to place a time limit of five minutes on the would-be preacher's testimonies. Sure, it was bad to be forced to do that, but wouldn't it have been worse to allow him to continue driving people from the prayer meeting and killing the interest in the services?

Blessed is the pastor or moderator who can supplement the message by the evangelist or guest speaker without preaching the sermon over.

Blessed is the song leader whose soul is so filled with music that he doesn't have time to talk three minutes in introducing the song, then two or three minutes after each verse.

Blessed is that committee that is committed only to the task committed to it.

Blessed is that pianist who serves gladly and faithfully and yet does not get offended and go on a sit-down strike when some other pianist is called on to play.

Blessed is the evangelist who works hard and faithfully to bring the lost to Jesus and benefit the church without campaigning to be pastor of the church.

Blessed is the state overseer that respects the rights of his fellow overseer when looking about for pastors.

Blessed is that person who is big enough to do the job that has been assigned to him, and at the same time know that there are others who can do things as well as he, and even the job that he is doing, and maybe better.

A Beatitude for All

BLESSED are all who keep this golden rule, "As ye would that men do unto you, do ye also unto them."

Christ-given Beatitudes on the Mountain Top for People in the Valley

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

"BLESSED are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

"BLESSED are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

"BLESSED are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

"BLESSED are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

"BLESSED are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

"BLESSED are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

"BLESSED are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

"BLESSED are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

"BLESSED are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."—Matt. 5:1-12.

Wherefore, Sirs, Be of Good Cheer:

for I Believe God

Acts 27:25

REV. T. P. DOUGLAS, PASTOR, THOMPSONS VALLEY,
TAZEWELL, VA.

I believe the Bible for no other reason than that it is the Word of God, and it is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18) therefore He cannot lie (Titus 1:2). I believe the Bible means exactly what it says and says exactly what it means; therefore, I conclude that it should be easily understood. I do find, however, that there are some things which the Lord purposes to keep secret to Himself, and that there are other things which He is pleased to reveal to us and to our children, Deut. 29:29. I believe in a literal translation of scripture where it is literal, and figurative where it is figurative. I believe that when Jesus said, "They shall take up serpents," He meant literal, visible, living serpents. But I do not believe that He meant for us to be fanatics and hobby-horse riders and bring a cloud of reproach on His Church. No man has any authority to bring either a poisonous or nonpoisonous reptile into any religious service, and should any one take the liberty to bring one into a religious service conducted by the writer of this article, he will feel the full extent of the laws of the land.

To understand scripture, one must first discover who the speaker is, to whom he is speaking, on what subject he is speaking, and if the language is literal or figurative. To obtain the best and greatest amount of knowledge means that we must first secure the services of the greatest and best of all the teachers that the universe has ever produced; namely, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who, through the Holy Ghost, teaches us all things and brings all things to our remembrance whatsoever Jesus has said unto us (John 14:26), and testifies of Jesus (John 15:26), speaking not of Himself, but of Jesus; guides into all truth, and shows us things to come; also reproves, or convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:7-15).

It is passing strange to our minds why some people who claim to be baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost will resort to cyclopedias and commentaries and accept what they say, re-

gardless of whether it agrees with the Bible or not. We are firm believers in helps, but when such so-called helps fail to harmonize with the old Book, then we lay them aside and go on with the Bible. We used to think that Josephus, the great historian must be some wonderfully great help, until we procured a copy and began to read, and to our profound surprise began to find so many things in it that flatly contradicted the Bible. Then, we laid it aside. One statement, by way of illustration, says that Solomon reigned as King of Israel for eighty years. The Bible says that he reigned forty years. 1 Kings 11:42. One man, writing on the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, declared that there were no blood-born Jews present to hear Peter's great sermon, and gave as the source of his information his teachers and certain commentaries and cyclopedias, claiming that only Jewish proselytes were present. But the record in Acts 2:5-10 says, "Jew . . . Jews and proselytes." Furthermore, the tenor of verses 14, 22, 23, 29, and 36 is, to this writer, positive evidence that they were, at least for the most part, pure blood-born Jews. "To the law and to the testimony (Old and New Testaments): if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them," Isa. 8:20.

According to *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, there is only one Hebrew word translated "dog"—"keleb," meaning to "yelp" or "attack." This word may be used either literally or figuratively, according to the Hebrew; also the Greek, where there are two words—"kuon" and "kunarion," the latter appearing to mean "a very young dog," or "puppy." The word "dog" appears in the Bible about forty-one times, both in the singular and plural and in possessive cases. Each quotation is clear in itself, whether it is literal or figurative. Here are a few illustrations. Eccl. 9:4, comparing one animal with another, and the living

dog is better than the dead lion for no other reason than that it is alive and the lion is dead. If the word "dog," in Deut. 23:18 means "Sodomite," why does it not say so? If it be said that the word "Sodomite" is too repulsive, we reply that the word "whore" is equally as repulsive. Furthermore, the word "Sodomite" is used six other places in the Bible, why not here if that is what is meant? One expositor declares that the word "dog" in the Bible is always to be taken figuratively and means "Sodomite." If that be true, then Sodomites ate the body of Jezebel and licked up the blood of Ahab and of Naboth (see 1 Kings 21:19-24; 22:38; 2 Kings 9:30-37); and if "dog" in the Bible always means a reprobate human being, what does "fowls," in 1 Kings 14:11; 16:4, 21, 24, mean?

"We, having the same spirit of faith according as it is written (Psa. 116:10), I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak," 2 Cor. 4:13. Likewise, we can also testify, "We have believed, and therefore speak." We have not the slightest inclination to argue with the Bible. We are thoroughly convinced that it is the holy inspired Word of God. In the various translations, some words or phrases may have been slightly changed, but the basic principles remain the same, and the way to God and salvation and eternal life is still clear and plain.

In Mark 16, Jesus said that certain signs would follow (accompany the ministry of) them that believe. Some would have us believe that certain of these signs are only figurative. We believe they are all to be taken literally, just as they are recorded. We lay literal hands on literal people, and literal people recover from literal diseases. The devil is, of course, a spirit being; but he is literal, just the same as God is spiritual and literal. We lay hands on people and cast literal devils out of them in Jesus' name. It is certainly worthy of note that no mention

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The Secret of a Revival

MISS DORIS McLUHAN, WORDSWORTH, SASK., CANADA

We all agree that we need a revival! But how do we get a revival is the burning question. I believe that in order to have a revival we must die out to our conceptions and ideas and be open for the Lord's leading.

In Daniel 45:9 we read, "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker. . . shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou?"

We have our ideas and plans about what we want to do, when God has His plans for what He wants us to be.

Sometimes the working of the clay is tedious and long. The moulding is irksome, but the potter remains at the wheel. Every lump, piece of grit, or gravel must be removed or the vessel will be marred and must be rejected. We must be completely yielded in the potter's hand. We must be pliable, if we are to become vessels that He can fill and use in His service. Too often we want to argue about our plans. There are too many "buts" and excuses! We must realize we are not THE POTTER! We are but a piece of clay. Who are we to argue with God? We are a drop in a bucket, as chaff in the wind, yet God looks down upon us and, marvel of marvels, He can transform us into human dynamos by His mighty power. It is not what we are that matters; it is what His power can do that counts.

Each of us has a work to do. God wants to prepare each one for that work. Do you feel so small, so insignificant? God still has a work for you to do. We make our excuses, but listen: it is what He is that matters! "ALL

POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND EARTH" are His words. Friends, I've seen people who couldn't carry a note in the natural who sang beautifully in the Spirit! **THERE IS NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD! WE HAVE TIED GOD'S HANDS WITH 'CANT'S.'** All God wants is for us to say, "Here I am, Lord, take me and use me."

Friends, I have seen the beginning of a revival in the west. Prayer meetings last for hours, even among the children. A seven-year-old girl prayed under the anointing from heaven for the starving, naming different nations of the world, praying and naming missionaries in hard places for over half an hour. "Impossible," did I hear you say? No, I heard it with my own ears. **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH**

GOD. I have seen those juniors travail for lost souls for hours. God needs prayer warriors. The Church needs prayer warriors. Perhaps that is the work God would have you to do; I don't know, but God does.

I am certain, according to Paul, that there is a definite work for each one. All God wants you to do is seek Him **WITH ALL YOUR HEART.** Yield everything to Him, and He will do the rest. All He wants is clay that can be moulded. Yes, you can have a revival if you pay the price—a wholehearted consecration. One individual receives the fire; the fire spreads; and pretty soon a church is on fire. Let us ask and expect it. There is no use to ask for it and not believe we are going to receive it. We have a perfect right to expect things from God. Just as a child expects from its parents, so God delights to give, and He likes us to trust that He will answer and fulfil His promises. Let us expect a **REVIVAL**, and let us ask Him for a **REVIVAL**, and let us say, "Let the **REVIVAL** begin in me!"—*The Exhorter*.

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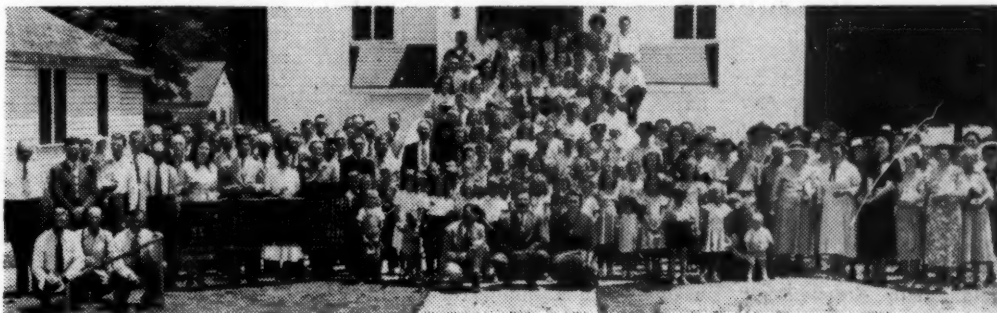
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CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE

Cleveland, Tennessee



The church at Draper, N. C., is moving along with all departments doing fine. The Sunday School has broken all records several times lately. The church took the state L.W.W.B. banner for the month of May, also won all the district banners, as you can see in the picture. The Sunday this picture was made 219 were present, which broke all records. We thank the Lord for the good people at Draper; there are some fine folks here.—H. R. Corley, Pastor.

REVIVALS

ZELLWOOD, Fla.—On Sunday, July 3, we began a revival which lasted five weeks, with Brother William Connell as evangelist. God worked from the beginning. There were twenty-eight saved, seventeen sanctified, twenty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church. Services began each evening at eight o'clock, but about 7:30 people began to gather and soon you could hear them praying. God is still in the healing business, too, as one sister was healed of a tumor, and many others were touched.

Brother Connell, the evangelist, is a very humble man of God and spent most of his time in prayer and fasting. We thank God for our humble pastor and wife, Brother and Sister J. P. Johnson.

We have a wonderful band of young people really on fire for God. In fact, nearly all who prayed through were from twelve to twenty-one. God is raising up a generation to do His will. Pray for our church to keep growing.—Ora Jean Wiggins.

BOWDON, Ga.—We are happy to report that God is still answering prayer and saving souls here. We had a wonderful three weeks' revival, with our pastor, Rev. Fred W. McWhorter, and Rev. and Sister W. L. Myers doing the preaching. A goodly number were saved and sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost, and fifteen were added to the church.

We are now holding services in our new church and are looking forward to the time, by the help of God, when we will have it completed.—Mrs. E. L. Williamson.

CLAY CITY, Ky.—We thank God for a soul-stirring revival here. Rev. Charles Erven was our evangelist and the Lord surely did bless. There were twenty-one saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water, and three added to the church. Clay City is on the move again. We desire the prayers of all.—W. L. Bloomfield, Pastor; Nancie Begly, Clerk.

JACKSBORO, Texas—We had a revival here with evangelist O. E. Wright

doing the preaching. There were seven saved, five sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. This is a new church, and we need your prayers.—H. M. Glover, Pastor.

VAUCLUSE, S. C.—We praise God for a two weeks' revival conducted by Brother Belt, of Greenville, S. C. There were twenty saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. We recommend Brother Belt to any church needing a good evangelist.—Marcella Maddox, Clerk.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—We are happy to report a revival at Lane's Avenue Church of God, with Brother Chessley Collins doing the preaching and the Collins Trio singing. There were thirty-three saved, ten sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and eight added to the church. The Lord blessed in every service. The building was almost full every night and people wept their way through to Calvary in the old-fashioned way.—Mrs. Earl Kirkland.

SCALY, N. C.—We praise God for the wonderful revival conducted here by Rev. Willis E. Lankford, of Canton, N. C. There were fifty saved, forty-five sanctified, forty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-one added to the church, and thirty-four baptized in water. Brother Lankford is a wonderful man of God. Pray for us.—Enoch Jamison, Pastor.

KENTON, Tenn.—We thank God for a four weeks' revival here which proved a great success. There were twenty-six saved, eleven sanctified, nineteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one baptized in water, and twenty added to the church. Our church is growing by leaps and bounds, and we give God the glory for it. Brother M. A. Gifford, of Humboldt, Tenn., was the evangelist. He is a wonderful minister. God really blessed his ministry and used him in a wonderful way during this entire revival.

We thank God for our new church, which has only been organized about eleven months. We have been wonder-

fully blessed of God. We are proud of our Sunday School, which has a record attendance of 127. We all feel it was a special blessing from heaven when Brother and Sister R. E. Blackwood came to pastor our church. They have proved a great blessing to our church, and we love and appreciate them very much.—Mrs. Boyd Goodman.

BLUEFIELD, Va.—We have had a wonderful revival, with Rev. Robert Hart, of Kannapolis, N. C., doing the preaching. The meeting lasted three weeks. There were thirty saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water, and sixteen added to the church. Brother Hart is a wonderful evangelist, filled with the Spirit and power of God. He attended the Church of God Bible School and is a graduate of Bob Jones Institute in Greenville, S. C. Pray for us at Bluefield.—Miss Mary Overby, Reporter.

FRONT ROYAL, Va.—Our revival which closed August 14 was a great blessing to the church here. There were five saved, four sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and three added to the church. Rev. M. N. Hammons was the evangelist. He is a very good evangelist and an untiring worker.—David Wilburne, Pastor.

CAWOOD, Ky.—We thank God for what many of the older members say was the best revival we've had in years. There were twenty-six saved, ten sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and five added to the church. The members received a renewed spirit and many healings were wrought by the Lord. One woman was healed of T. B. who was having hemorrhages daily. Another had been sent home from the hospital dying of a cancer. One young man left his crutches; he was healed of a broken leg. Many others testified to healing of other ailments. On the last night of these services, ninety-four took part in the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Rev. Ted Moore, of Sparta, Tenn., was the evangelist.—George W. Ayers, Pastor.

DORRELL CHAPEL, Texas—We had a three weeks' revival here with Rev. L. W. Sisk and his co-worker Jovet Antiqua, of Habana, Cuba, a student at San Antonio, Texas, doing the preaching. There were twelve saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy

Ghost, seven added to the church, and six baptized in water. The whole church has been greatly blessed. Our Sunday School has almost doubled in attendance, and the church tithes have almost doubled. We praise God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister C. H. Barnett. They are truly God-sent people. Please pray for us.—G. L. Wilbanks, Clerk.

SIX MILE, S. C.—We had a two weeks' revival at the Church of God at Gap Hill, with Rev. John L. Hollend doing the preaching. There were nineteen saved, seventeen sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen added to the church. The church as a whole was greatly blessed and encouraged to press on for God. We thank God for our good pastor, Rev. Vester Stephens, and his wife. They are doing wonderful work.—Esley Masters, Clerk.

NORFOLK, Va.—We had a four weeks' revival, and it is said to have been one of the greatest this church ever had. Numbers received definite experiences from God; in fact, someone prayed through in every service. The climax came in the closing service, when chairs were brought in to seat the people. Five precious souls were saved that night. The evangelist, C. B. Godsey, is to be commended for his humble spirit and God-anointed messages that were given so forcibly each night. One Sunday morning, Brother Godsey said God had impressed him

to take an offering for one of his fellow ministers, Rev. K. W. Dunn, who was lying in a Western North Carolina sanatorium. In a very few minutes over \$100 was given. Then, on the closing Sunday morning, even the pastor and his wife were remembered with a love offering. All of this did not hinder the offerings for our evangelist.

This report would be incomplete without mentioning the faithful efforts of these good people of God here in Norfolk, as well as Sister Godsey and Mrs. Leonard Pharr, our accomplished pianist; and if you don't believe we have a wonderful choir, just drop by for a visit sometime.—Mrs. Elmo Jennings.

COLUMBIA, Miss.—We thank God for the good revival just closed here, with Edward Wright, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Paul Kennedy, of McGee, Miss., doing the preaching. Two souls were saved and the church as a whole was blessed. This is a newly organized church, and we are having services in a tent at present, but we are trusting God to make the way for us to build a Church of God in Columbia.—Mrs. Ruby Ryan, Secretary.

WALHALLA, S. C.—We had a three weeks' revival at the Walhalla No. 2 Church of God, with Brother Carl Ellenbergs as our evangelist. There were thirty-nine saved, eleven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. Hardly a night were we able to seat the crowds.

The smaller children went to the basement Sunday School rooms and Mrs. Dillingham conducted a children's service there, to give room for the adults in the auditorium. There were as high as seventy or more children in these services at a time, and then there were as many as one hundred adults on the outside of the building with no place to sit. God certainly is blessing us here.—R. V. Dillingham, Pastor.

CONEHATTA, Miss.—We had a three weeks' revival at Hudson Chapel with Hulen Evans, of Lee College, doing the preaching. God blessed wonderfully in every service. This revival will long be remembered by the church and community. There were eight saved, eight sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water, and eleven added to the church.—Flossie L. Gardner, Pastor and Reporter.

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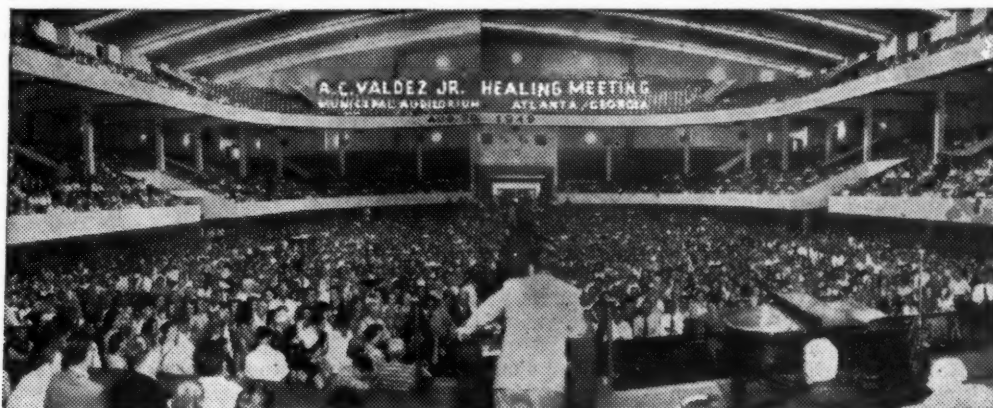
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BOLTON, Ga.—A few weeks ago we had Rev. A. C. Valdez, Phoenix, Ariz., with us for an eight-night revival (had to close out then because of camp meeting). It was truly wonderful the way the Lord used him in giving out the Word and praying for the sick. Our church was filled to overflowing the first night and many standing, and the attendance continued to increase until we moved out on the lawns, where around 3,000 gathered the remaining nights for the services. Of course, we couldn't begin to seat them, and the most of them stood from three to five hours and didn't seem to get tired or disinterested.

Brother Valdez is a congenial, sweet-spirited Christian, and will be a blessing to any church. He is getting more calls than he can fill, but if you want a man who will work with the pastors and be a blessing to your church, you will not make a mistake in securing Brother Valdez.—G. R. Watson, Riverside, Atlanta, Ga.

THESE SIGNS

shall Follow . . .

By DOROTHY PULLIN CARROLL

Nothing like it had ever come to Erwin, Tennessee, before! Brother Jones had understood that he was to hold a healing service there, but when he arrived, he found that not one, but both of the auditoriums in that town were completely packed, and eager crowds of people crowded together in the streets below, hoping to be able to witness this great service. It was then about 6:30 p. m.

Our minds were swept back almost two thousand years to the days when the Great Physician Himself walked the hot, dusty shores of Galilee, pressed by just such multitudes as these, bringing to Him all their sick and afflicted. Although invisible to our eyes, we could feel the presence of the Great Physician as we walked into the auditorium, and we knew that He was there in all His power and beauty.

The congregation was given a hypodermic of faith in a brief, precise message by Brother Jones, in which he stressed the fact that sickness is from the devil and deliverance from it is as much a part of the atonement as salvation. He stressed the fact that, although the Samaritan woman was content to receive merely the crumbs that fell from the table, the children of God are entitled, through the work of grace, to partake freely of everything on the table, of the very best on God's table, of healing for the body as well as for the soul. To further illustrate his point, Brother Jones related the following incident. Not very long ago he and another brother became ill. Measles were going around at the time and quite soon Sister Jones, beholding the unmistakable evidence, pronounced her husband with a fine case of measles. Brother Jones, however, concluded that since those measles were not from God, they were of the devil and, therefore, he did not have to take them. He made up his mind not to accept them, and said, "I will not have these measles, Devil." Taking his healing by faith, he went about his work ignoring the symptoms, and the rash. Faith won, as it always does, and Brother Jones did not have the measles. The other brother succumbed, however, and became seriously ill.

The healing line formed as the congregation sang the theme song, "Only Believe," and it seemed as though every person in the auditorium had come to be prayed for. Finally, Brother Jones had to request that those who were not already in the line, keep their seats and gradually follow the line. He then also requested that all those prayed for leave the auditorium immediately, thus allowing those outside to enter.

Then they came. Despite the frantic efforts of the ushers, they crowded around Brother Jones until it was difficult for him to minister to them. Many times the people were requested to move back, but for some reason the platform was being jammed with people. The ushers had blocked both side entrances. The windows behind the platform, however, were accessible from the fire escape, and these people had been climbing up the fire escape and in through the windows. How like Bible days, when the paralytic man was let down through the roof!

Hour after hour Brother Jones stood, soaked with perspiration, facing each case without fear, challenging the afflicting demons and commanding them to leave their human abodes in the name of Christ, their Master. They obeyed, too, leaving their former victims free. The forces of Satan, the demons of sickness, were no match for the healing power of Christ. They came against that healing virtue, but they were defeated, overcome, and the afflicted were completely delivered. Time after time our hearts were thrilled, while chills ran up and down our backs as we beheld demon power pitted against the power of God—and defeated. Paralytics walked, the blind saw, the deaf heard, demons were cast out. The evidence was undeniable, for Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

Looking behind me I saw a boy about ten years old who had come from somewhere. He was bent double with excruciating pain and nausea that goes with an acute attack of appendicitis. I knew from experience what torture he was suffering. Someone asked Brother Jones to pray for him. Leaving the line, he did so and rebuked the demon, and

it fled before that power. The boy immediately straightened up completely, declaring emphatically that every trace of pain was gone. Brother Jones left him with his hands upraised, standing on his feet, tears of joy running down his face and that of his mother.

At one time the air was heavy with the unpleasant odor of cancer. Its victims, thin, ashen, their eyes sunken, their very faces mute testimony to their agony, crowded around Brother Jones. In the almighty power of Jesus, those cancers, inward and outward, were commanded to wither, dry up, and pass away, and not to return to their victims again.

The ushers locked hands in an attempt to keep back the seemingly endless surge of humanity. Even so, they managed to push themselves and their sick through the crowd. I saw two men pushing through the people. The determined look on their faces showed clearly that they intended to get to Brother Jones. Between them they had a horribly crippled man, on whose face shone the most pathetic expression of hope. At Brother Jones' insistence, they placed him in a position where he could watch the healings being performed in order to thus increase his own faith until he himself had faith sufficient to believe he was healed. The last I saw of him as I endeavored to stretch my neck above the other heads, he was starting to walk with the aid of his two devoted helpers.

It is hard to choose which to tell about from so many definite and instantaneous healings. There was, for instance, the man who was sixty-four years old, who had never heard or spoken. He was completely and instantly delivered and could hear Brother Jones' watch tick immediately upon receiving his hearing. There was the mother who came with a baby in her arms. She had never heard or spoken in her life. The big smile and the tears were eloquent testimony to her gratitude for a wonderful and immediate healing. There were sixty-two such cases, almost all of them entirely deaf and dumb from birth. Each seemed to surpass the other in showing

How God Called Me to the Healing Ministry

By REV. THEA F. JONES, 1073 KING EDWARDS AVE., CLEVELAND, TENN.

Three years ago, when I gave up the pastorate of the Memphis Church, I knew I had to make a change in my ministry. I thought I should continue my education, so I asked for the pastorate of the Maryville Church in order that I might be able to attend our school in Sevierville. Brother Tidwell made this arrangement. When I arrived in Cleveland and made arrangements for my things to be moved, Brother Tidwell informed me that Missionary Ridge Church was open in Chattanooga and that they wanted me to pastor it. I decided to take it.

It wasn't long before I obtained a radio program over WAPO and began preaching divine healing over the air. Numbers of people were healed. I continued preaching, and I saw numbers of people healed, but not in definite numbers. Four months ago I started praying that God would use me in a more useful way, to help suffering humanity. The call came clear and definite.

One night I was driving my car alone from Chattanooga to a revival which I was conducting in Middle Valley, where Brother Ledbetter was the pastor. I will never forget that night. It is still fresh in my mind. As I was going around some winding roads, in a mental vision I saw poor suffering humanity with twisted limbs, bloodshot eyes, and feverish brows, and He said, "Christ died for these people. On the cross He bore all our sickness and our infirmities, just as He bore our sins. You fast and pray and I will grant you authority to heal the sick and cast out devils." That night, upon my re-

turn from church, I found that my wife had seen practically the same thing. It was good to know that while God was dealing with me, He also dealt with my wife.

At the end of this fast, in this same revival, God began anointing me especially to pray for the sick. In this meeting, one young man came who had a terrible throat ailment that penicillin would not help, so it must have been a cancer. He also had tuberculosis, with a cavity in his lung the size of a half dollar. After prayer, he was healed of this throat trouble and went to the Red Bank Clinic in Chattanooga and obtained an X-ray. The X-ray was clear, without a scar. A lady was healed of a growth on her stomach, which evaporated. Another lady was a cripple; another had a terrible case of arthritis. Crossed eyes were straightened and many foul spirits were rebuked in this first meeting, after I had done what God told me to do. Then I began praying for authority. Many times in prayer I asked God for authority, and God would say, "My son, I had given you authority."

I went to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for a ten-day meeting. Over fifteen blind people received their sight. People were delivered from almost every disease. From the time God spoke to me and told me that He would give me power over demons and sickness, on through the Hattiesburg meeting, I continued praying for God to give me evidence that I would know the presence of demon power and know when the sick were made whole. I prayed to see an angel, but I did not

see one, although I have felt the presence of an angel four times since being in this ministry. I knew the Lord used Brother Brannon's left hand, Brother Oral Roberts' right hand, and I prayed for Him to use my hand. I did not receive that evidence. I prayed for it the way I desired it, but God sent it in His own way. It came to me in the prayer line at a one-night service in La Fayette, Georgia. Healing virtue surged through my body. Yes, and the power of hell came against that virtue. The demon was cast out. I could feel the release and knew that the captive had been set free. I realized then I had the anointing on my body from the time God spoke to me, but it came this night in a much more forcible way. It seemed as though everyone touched was made whole. There were around fifteen eye cases in that one service, also a number of ear cases.

Since that vision came to me on the Middle Valley Road, I have seen those same people I saw in the vision, face to face in our prayer line. We have seen them come with swollen and strutted limbs and go away rejoicing in Him. Many paralytic and polio cases have gone away walking normally. Goiters have evaporated. Cancers have withered and died. God has made diseased lungs anew. The blind have seen; the deaf have heard; and the dumb have spoken, all through the mighty name, above all names, Jesus Christ.

I rejoice because I know this is God's will, and I am happy because this is my true service to the Lord.—*From Healing Today.*

the miraculous power of God.

I receive a very special thrill when I see a goiter melt under Brother Jones' hand. He commanded person after person to "swallow that goiter," and before our popping eyes they went—right down their throats.

I have noticed that the compassion for the afflicted which Brother Jones has is almost supernatural, compelling him to pray for them regardless of his own personal feelings and the hour of

the night. Such was the compassion of Jesus, not a feeling of mere pity, but even suffering with them in their afflictions.

I dragged my tired feet over to an empty chair and added up the results of the meeting, which I had obtained by pushing and being pushed to where I could observe accurately the proceedings. Those who had gone through the healing line were, according to the records, 705. Of the sixty-two deaf and

dumb people, only one had failed to receive his complete healing. At least eleven were healed of blindness in one or both eyes. It was then midnight.

As we climbed into the car for the long trip back to Cleveland, our hearts rejoiced, our faith was much stronger, and we felt awed. Our eyes had seen the literal fulfillment of "greater things than these shall ye do"; "these signs shall follow." The fact is Bible days are here again!—*Healing Today.*

Some Things to Think About



PRISON VISITATION IS IMPORTANT

I was saved September 17, 1938. Ever since then it has been my desire and burden to bring cheer, comfort, and repentance to inmates of prisons. Prison visitation is equally important to feeding the hungry, giving water to thirsty, clothing the naked, and ministering unto the sick. The prisoner is a human being, a child of God who needs God, and for whom Christ died on the cross, who can not only be redeemed, but restored and rehabilitated. I remember that all men and women convicted of crime and sentenced to prisons must eventually come out to be part of some community. The Lord has used me to send hundreds of gifts to inmates of Alabama prisons. I receive the name and birthday as they enter prison, from one of the Christian prisoners, and to each inmate on his birthday is sent a beautiful greeting and printed religious literature. If any of the Evangel and Lighted Pathway readers have friends or loved ones in prison, I should be happy to receive their names and addresses, and to each I would pray that God would use me to bring Christian help. Please pray for me that my life will count for God.—In His service for others, Brother Jewel Pierce, Piedmont, Ala.

According to the United Stewardship Council, the average church ever donated \$23.71 in 1948 compared with \$21.86 in 1947. Local church expenses required \$17.72 of this amount, as compared with \$15.81 in 1947.

CREAM OF CHRISTIAN HOLINESS G. D. WATSON

It is the very cream of Christian holiness to keep the heart full of tenderness, that lovely compassionate love which seeks to be just like Jesus. In a world like this, where we meet with treacherous, cruel, selfish and proud people on every hand, and where we are so frequently disappointed in our fellow men, it is easy to imbibe a spirit of harshness, or bitterness, or a little tinge of resentment, almost imperceptible. But the last degree of retaliation or severity will harden the affection and give a coldness and touchiness in the inner life.

It is not wise to reflect on the cruelty and unkindness of others, for by keeping the meanness of other people in our minds it will soon settle down upon our own hearts, and then we shall soon have the same evil tempers that we condemn in others.

Getting sanctified and professing the cleansing power of Christ is not sufficient; we must, at all costs, constantly surrender our rights, our feelings, our dignity, and keep ourselves in the humble attitude of resisting not evil, of not sneaking against those who despise us, and keep where we can hear all things, hope all things and endure all things. Tenderness of spirit is the essence of true saintliness and the inward mark of the Christ life.

So let us beware of envy, or grudge, or unkindness, or else the foundations of religion will be poisoned. We can not keep full of tender love by accident, but must make it a matter of constant prayer, and exercise daily, gentle and loving thoughts, which are very acceptable to God.—The Herald of Light and Zion's Watchman.

AFFABLE ACHESON—Smiling broadly, Secretary of State Dean Acheson took the stand before the combined Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees. He urged approval of the arms-for-Europe program because the "United States is open to attack on its own territory to a greater extent than ever before."

PERSECUTION AS AN ALLY OF PROGRESS

History has it that from the standpoint of progress, times of persecution have done more to promote the spread of the gospel than times of worldly favor. A sustained period of material prosperity causes church membership lists to grow bulky with flabby professors who know

nothing of the spirit of Christ. When persecution comes these lists are tested and greatly reduced.

From the pen of Eusebius we have a classic description of the triumph which the church scored after two centuries of persecution from Roman emperors. Emperor Diocletian (303-311) unleashed the most drastic means to exterminate Christianity once and for all. He decreed that all churches be destroyed, all Bibles burned, all Christians be deprived of public office and civil rights, and all were to sacrifice to pagan gods on penalty of death for failure to do so. Apostasy or death were the only alternatives. Not only did true Christians not compromise, but they reaffirmed their faith all the more boldly, says Eusebius:

"The wild beasts refused to attack the Christians, as if they had assumed the part of men in place of the Romans, the bloody swords became dull and shattered, the executioners grew weary and had to relieve each other, but the Christians sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving."

Emperor Diocletian himself eventually retired to private life. "He found greater pleasure in raising cabbages than in being emperor." But a man with his record could hardly enjoy peace in the sunset of his life. He had many family troubles and at last committed suicide.

We have no assurance that in our day the infidel hordes of communism are going to conveniently decide to retire in order to let the church work uninterrupted. The Roman persecutions continued intermittently for more than two centuries. The Inquisition was a continuous source of persecution from the thirteenth century through the Reformation. The church has the greatest prospect in all times of completing its task of world evangelization, and such a triumph will hardly be scored without resistance from the forces of evil. The condition of the world makes it inevitable that persecution, yes "great tribulation," is before us. We should pray that God will keep His children faithful to the testimony of the gospel and true to themselves. The trying of our faith is "more precious than gold."—Protestant Voice.

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Life in Africa...

One Week With Pearl Stark (Continued from last week)

Tuesday is somewhat the same in the mornings, with the exception of only a small washing for the baby; but water must be pumped for the house use just the same. Then each day after dinner, or the noon meal, and the dishes are washed, we then have another Bible reading and prayer, especially for the meetings in the villages and the gospel work in general. Then off to a near-by village, but it will be out of the city some distance, so be prepared for a walk and be sure you have your helmet, as the sun is hot when we leave the house.

It is generally quite late in the afternoon when the people gather, as they are just returning from their day's work, so we may arrive there first. As there is no building for the service, we shall have it out in the open air because all the native houses or huts are very small and would not do for a service. With music and singing the people soon gather around. They love the singing and listen with interest to the Word of God. Many of those standing by remark one to another, "These words are good words. Let us hear more of this." We are reminded, however that the Lord did not promise that all would receive the Word, but they must have a chance to hear it. So, as is true in all parts of the world, it is true here. We find some who do not want to hear and will walk away. Others follow us down the narrow footpath as we leave the village, asking us to return again with more of these good words.

Also, on Tuesday night, after supper is over, for it is already late, we go right into the little room for our services with the white Portuguese, where we have prayer meeting. Sometimes there are no extra visitors, but we pray and the Lord meets us, praise His name!

Wednesday, after the general routine of the morning, and with many other things to take our time, we are now ready for the afternoon prayer meeting before starting out to another village. Today we visited two villages, one called Mingalati and farther out we came to another which is called Kaponte, having services in

both places. A number in the villages are very much interested, and a few have asked for a school. Having the two services means that we return to the house late and very tired in body, but happy to know that once more the Word of God has gone forth.

Thursday finds us very busy; as you know, there must be studying done, preparing of lessons, writing out portions of Scripture and hymns in their language, to give out to those who want them, that the people may begin to learn something. Also, some time must be given to visiting in the homes of the white Portuguese who live here in the city, to invite them to our services, which we have for them especially on Thursday night, also on Sunday afternoon and Sunday night.

Friday, is another day filled with busy life, and especially do we realize it as we hurry, trying to get everything done that must have attention before we have our afternoon prayer meeting, and then off to another native village; this time to Kavaco, out in another direction from the city. One feels some encouragement as the people listen with open mouths as though it were real news to them. Again, now and then, some exclaim, "Of a truth these are good words. We want to hear more." Oh how one longs to see some step out for the Lord. However, this takes time in a village where the people have not been instructed in the Word and cannot read. We find it takes patience along with faith in this work.

Saturday, but I shall not attempt to give all the details of the day, as you can already see about what it would be like because the next day is Sunday. We shall get on out to another village, called Jingonma, in the late afternoon, or we may get to two. However, since Sunday is a very full day; it is hard to get to more than one on Saturday, because all this is very tiresome and tells on one's strength and takes up time.

Sunday morning finds me up about 5 or 5:30, out in the kitchen, building a fire. Here near the coast we use charcoal to make a fire, in a tiny thing called a little stove, but it is an iron bowl about ten inches across, with a small grate underneath, which lets the ashes fall down, but it is quite

a job to start a fire in one of these, so we have to use a fan to get the fire started. Some times it takes longer to start a good fire than it does to fix breakfast after it is going. Our breakfast is always very simple—a dish of oatmeal and some bread and butter. There is coffee for those who want it, but no cream; however, you may have some milk, if you like it, and some sugar. You may say, "Why not have some bacon and eggs?" to which we reply, "I am sorry but we don't have bacon and eggs so long as eggs are 4c each and bacon—well, we will not talk about that." While I wash the dishes, someone run along quickly and get the milk, for you know we have no ice, and it would not keep two days; therefore, we must get it early every morning.

Now it is about 6:30, or nearly 7 in the morning, and we are ready to start out in still another direction, to some village near the ocean called the Sanzalas da Praia. After passing through three, having services in each of them, we shall return by way of an isolated camp for natives with incurable diseases. This is a most pitiful sight. You will notice there a mother with large swollen feet and limbs broken out in ulcers. She is young and has a tiny baby in her arms which is without clothing. In the cool season the early morning air cuts, and the babies, as well as others, suffer from the cold. As we look at the suffering of many and the way they have to live our hearts are sick; but watch their faces now as we begin to sing. It would seem that they are lifted out of their suffering for the time, and their faces light up with a joyful hope that there is something better, which Jesus came to give them, as we sing in their native tongue, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest," and, "Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed; finding as He promised, perfect peace and rest." Then, as they listen to the reading of the Word, also in their language, they are all drinking it in as it were, and they clap their hands quietly as an expression of joy and appreciation for the words to which they have listened, saying, "Thank you, we want you to come back."

After about four hours of this walking from village to village, and having services, singing and testifying to the people of the love of God, we return to the house very weary

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Communism and Religion

HON. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, OF MISSOURI, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1949

Mr. Speaker, until recent years I had thought the days of Christian martyrdom had passed. I never expected to live to read of Christians being compelled to face death and fates that are worse than death in defense of their faith. But since communism has raised its ugly head, we seem to be returning to the Dark Ages! In our own country, the ideology of communism has reached the stage that we consider it necessary to attempt to combat it even in this country that has always been considered the outpost of personal freedom and liberty. I have followed the trials of those who have been accused of subversive activities as those trials have been carried out in the courts, but I am forced to the conclusion that while those things may be necessary to protect our country from the ravages of spies that these methods alone will never eradicate the disease. A man does not become a communist overnight. Communism in the individual is the result of wrong thinking, faulty or unwise education that probably begins in the home and the school.

Communism as practiced in Russia and her satellites is the most absolute dictatorship the world has ever known. It destroys not only freedom of speech, freedom of the press, but seeks to destroy the home and frankly states that it cannot live with the Christian religion.

Communism is not an issue in my home state. I am sure you would be unable to find a communist in my district in Missouri with a microscope. We live close to nature there and have always cherished our freedom and our religion. The training I have received in my early youth made me so immune to communism by the time I was twelve years old that all the minions of hell from Herod to Joe Stalin could not have changed me. On our center table at home lay a family Bible. It was there as early as I could recollect. As soon as I was old enough to understand, Mother read to me the story of the creation as given by Moses in the Book of Genesis.

Later, the twenty-third Psalm was read and explained to me, and the Sermon on the Mount. In the middle

of that old Book there were a number of ruled pages, with two angels at the top of each page forming an arch above the page. Written in faded ink were the records of the births and deaths of ancestors I had never seen. Births and deaths and marriages were recorded there. We children were told that that Book was sacred and we should open it with care and reverence, because God had given it to us as a guide to right living and right thinking, and that it contained all we needed to know in order to become good men and women and good citizens of our country.

Before I was five years old I became acquainted with both birth and death. My father was a Missouri farmer, and Missouri farmers raise livestock. The baby pigs came in early February. Because my father had learned that the hog market in August was almost always higher than in December and January, he always planned to have the baby pigs come in early February. Early February in Missouri is seldom mild. Quite often snow as fine as salt rides on a forty-mile gale and seeks every crack and crevice. Many times I have gone with my father to bring the baby pigs in a cloth-lined basket to be dried by the stove so that they would not freeze. The lambs had to be guarded from snows and cold rains and dried and returned to their mothers. I was taught that it was my duty to save life, also that it was a privilege to help. My mother told me it was God's way. That He had so ordered it and that anything He ordered was well.

When I was ten years old, I got my first geography. On the second page was a chart covering the full page. In the upper left-hand corner of this page was a picture of a man wearing a loin cloth. On his left stood an orangutan, next to him a horse, then an elephant, then a giraffe, and so on back and forth across that page through the entire gamut of creation, until at last, in the lower right-hand corner there appeared a jellylike spot, large at both ends and small in the center. This, the chart said was an amoeba, a form of life so low that the probabilities were it had been spon-

taneously generated. I took this chart to my mother. It had created in my mind my first doubt. Mother told me not to quarrel with my teacher about it but that I did not have to believe it. I know what it is to doubt. I know what it is to have all the darkness of a thousand nights poured into one hour. But my home training and the Book of Books has conquered those doubts and driven them away. The place to fight communism is in the home and in the school. A philosopher has said God realized he could not be with all the children all of the time, so He created Christian mothers.

I remember my first serious illness; how my mother sat at my bedside night after night; how she turned the pillow when it was hot, and watched the clock to give me the medicine at just the right time; how, with hand long ago turned to dust, soothed my pains; and, with that voice that I will never hear again unless by Christian faith and the grace of God I meet her in a better country, told me to never mind, I would be better by and by.

What does atheism have to offer? Atheism is the handmaiden of communism. Anybody that would take away from people in this old world of toil and strife their Christian faith and offer nothing in its place is too detestable for description. A man who would seek to destroy your faith in Christ is meaner than a man who would steal a cripple's crutch or take pennies out of a blind beggar's cup. On your sick bed, what does the atheist have to offer? He says, "No use to pray. Let the pain stab. Let the fever burn. Curse it and die."

When we reach the end of life's journey, as we all soon must do; when the pale horse with his pale rider paws at the threshold, and the spirit is breaking away from the body, the atheist says the Bible is a myth; there is no God; there will be no ministering angel to conduct, no Christ, no heaven, no home, nothing to light the journey through that dark valley except the whiteness of the tombstones.

My friends, I am not willing to adopt such a dismal theory. I am unwilling to admit that my grandfather, a million times removed, was a water moc-

casin, or my grandmother, a million times removed, might have been a mud turtle. With all my weaknesses, I still claim a nobler heritage; I still maintain that I am a son of God, created in His image.

What joy it must be to an atheist to go to a gold-star mother and say to her that her son to whom she said good-bye, as he left here to join the colors, with the roses of health on his cheeks and the buoyancy of youth in step, "You will never see him again, nor feel his strong arms around you."

How the atheist must enjoy going to the young mother and saying to her, "The baby that has just been lowered into the grave, you will never see again. There is no resurrection. You will never again feel its soft arms nor the touch of its rose-petal cheek."

I tell you, my friends, the place to fight communism and athelms is in the home and the school and the church. "Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."—*Western Voice*.

REPORTS from the Field . . .

CHURCH AT HAMILTON, OHIO, MARCHES ON

HAMILTON, Ohio—Our church recently gave up a great pastor—Rev. Shelton G. Brock. He pastored for the past four years, but felt that God was calling him back into the evangelistic work. So, with heavy hearts, on July 3, the church here bade Brother and Sister Brock good-bye and Godspeed. Brother Brock did a great work here. While he was here, we built a nice new church valued at about eighty thousand dollars, had an increase of one

hundred ten in membership, and saw many saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Now we have another good pastor, Rev. E. E. Winters. Brother Winters came to us from Louisville, Kentucky. I am sure many who read this know Brother Winters, but for the benefit of those who do not know him, I will say that he is a great preacher. He has been in the Church of God about thirty years and is widely known. He was reared in Logan, West Virginia, and has a consecrated wife and three

children. We are expecting great things under the leadership of Brother Winters, for he is a real Church of God man and has great interest in lost souls. We intend to give him full cooperation. I think I have written the sentiment of the entire church.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all our friends for the Church of God at Seventh and Chestnut Streets in Hamilton, Ohio.—Dewey L. Mullins, Clerk.

ANOTHER NEW WORK

BARNWELL, S. C.—We sound a note of praise to our Lord and Saviour for the way He has blessed us in our new work at Barnwell. The devil certainly put up a war against us, but by prayers and hard labor the Lord saw fit to give us another church, for which we give Him all the praise. This church was set in order by our district pastor, Brother Newport, on July 29. At present we have fifteen members. We began this work just a short while back and God wonderfully poured out His Spirit as He promised in Joel 2:28.

On June 10 we were returning from service when we met with a tragedy

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Above is the belated picture of a part of the Sunday School and congregation that attended the dedicatory services of the Indianapolis, Ind., church. Rev. C. C. Rains, state overseer, and Rev. Paul Norris, pastor, have worked together faithfully in leading the people in their successful efforts to erect the beautiful church building valued at over \$20,000. The church is steadily growing, and some day will rank among the top churches. Indianapolis is a city of approximately 500,000 people, and we are thankful that we have a church there.—J. D. B.

Oh, Praise the Lord

BENTON, Ill.—I praise the Lord for healing me through laying the *Evangel* on my body a few nights ago. I don't know what I'd do without Jesus. His love grows sweeter each day.—Phila Delphia Gant.

PIKEVILLE, Tenn.—I thank and praise the Lord for what He means to me. I praise Him for the wonderful salvation that I have. I praise Him for His healing power and for making my home a home of prayer. Even my children thank God for what they have to eat and wear.—Mrs. Don Keener.

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power, which is just as real as His saving grace. I praise Him for healing me of a severe pain in my arm and neck that caused my arm to draw until I couldn't raise it.—Laura Ball.

CALLAHAN, Fla.—I praise God for healing my little granddaughter of fits. While we were on the way to the doctor, God healed her, and when we got there three doctors said they couldn't find anything wrong with her.—Bessie Mae Register.

ROME, Ga.—I thank God for His goodness and mercy to me. I thank Him for touching my wife's body many times.—I. W. Johnson.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—A few weeks ago my baby had a serious attack of asthma. My husband and I had him anointed and prayed for, and God wonderfully touched his body. I certainly give God praise and glory above all else. Pray for us.—Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Tracy.

EDMOND, Okla.—In February my husband had an attack of rheumatic fever and was in a very serious condition. The doctor had very little hope for him, but praise God for His healing power. He is doing fine now and is back on his job. Praise God for answering prayer.—Mrs. Floyd H. Manning.

WICHITA, Kans.—I praise the Lord for His saving power. He saved me in 1945, and sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for heal-

ing me many times. Recently He healed me of a skin irritation, for which I praise Him.—Wm. J. Coleman.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I thank the Lord for sa' ng, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. It is by the blood of Christ that I am what I am. I praise the Lord for a Christian family, for my good pastor and his family, and all my brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord Jesus saved me four years ago, and He has kept me. He has healed my body, praise His holy name.—Ben McCoy.

ROME, Pa.—Just a word of praise for my precious Saviour who has done so much for me. I had the piles for two years, but now I am completely healed. I praise God for it.—O. F. Young.

SHELBURN, Ind.—I thank the Lord for what He means to me. I thank Him for His healing power. He has healed me many times. I praise Him for healing my daughter-in-law who was badly injured.—Mrs. Florence Thompson.

WEST COAST BIBLE SCHOOL

The West Coast Bible School opened Monday, September 12, with full-scale preparations having been made for the greatest accommodations for the students possible, in order that they may be comfortable.

We are pleased to announce that we are including a high-school department, and we trust it will not be too long before we will have a junior college, also.

The benefits derived from being associated with this fine group of Christian workers is invaluable, to say nothing of the times of spiritual refreshing and visitations of the Holy Ghost from time to time.—J. H. Hughes, Box 101, Station C, Pasadena 6, California.

TENNESSEE'S NEW CHURCHES

We are happy to introduce our new churches to our happy family of 158 old ones. We hope the infant churches will thrive and grow in favor with God and man. We are asking our people to pray for and encourage them in

any way possible.—A. V. Beaubé, State Overseer.

Blythe Avenue, Cleveland. Clerk, Mrs. Lester Wood. Number of members, seven. Date organized, March 22, 1949. Organized by Rev. H. D. Williams.

Clinton, Clinton. Clerk, Charlie F. Ridenour. Number of members, ten. Date organized, November 21, 1948. Organized by A. V. Beaubé.

Columbia, Columbia. Clerk, Preston Clark. Number of members, sixteen. Date organized, July 9, 1949. Organized by C. T. Dunn.

Doyle, Doyle. Clerk, Bessie Cole. Number of members, thirty-two. Date organized, October 23, 1948. Organized by Earnest Mills.

Englewood, Englewood. Clerk, Willard Jeralds. Number of members twenty-four. Date organized, July 18, 1949. Organized by C. M. Newman.

Harriman, Harriman. Clerk, Henry Lawson. Number of members, twenty-three. Date organized, December 13, 1948. Organized by A. V. Beaubé.

Kenton, Kenton. Clerk, Madison Graves. Number of members, fourteen. Date organized, some time in October, 1948. Organized by Earl Brewer.

Lewisburg, Lewisburg. Clerk, George C. Stepp. Number of members, nine. Date organized, July 16, 1949. Organized by B. H. Pharr.

Lonesdale, Knoxville. Clerk, Mrs. Andrew Yates. Number of members, ten. Date organized, June 5, 1949. Organized by A. V. Beaubé.

Sunny Lane, Knoxville. Clerk, Edith Norman. Number of members, fourteen. Date organized, June 5, 1949. Organized by A. V. Beaubé.

REPORT

JASPER, Fla.—Just a few lines to praise the Lord for the progress our church is making. Our Sunday School has broken all previous records, going from 55 to 105 since Brother and Sister A. R. Heaston came to us on Easter Sunday. We praise the Lord for our good superintendent, Brother Brownie Bass, who is partly responsible for our increase. Every department of our church is progressing under the leadership of our good pastor and his wife. We have just organized a Junior Y. P. E. We recently had an increase of nine additions to the church. Our Daily Vacation Bible School was a great success, with an average of forty attending. Again we say praise the Lord for all His blessings and for the good increase.—Reporter, Mrs. J. A. Grimsley.

"WHEREFORE, SIR, BE OF GOOD CHEER: FOR I BELIEVE GOD"

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is ever made in the Holy Scriptures of any one taking up serpents. This is strange to us, and we have often wondered why, since Jesus said this sign would follow believers just the same as the other signs. We do not believe Paul handled a serpent. Acts 28:1-6. He simply gathered up an armful of sticks and threw them on the fire, and the serpent, being inside the bundle, the heat drove it upward and outward, and it struck at and seized upon the nearest thing to its mouth, which was Paul's hand, and he immediately shook the thing off into the fire and felt no harm.

Some tell us that verses 9 to 20, of Mark 16, are omitted by the two oldest Greek manuscripts, and that other authorities have a different ending to this chapter in Mark. This is possibly true, but just why they were not included, we cannot say. We do know however, that they coincide perfectly with other scriptures on the same subjects. Note especially Luke 10:17-20: "serpents," "scorpions," and "devils" or spirits. Note other scriptures on the subjects of healing the sick and speaking with tongues. These will be furnished to any reader upon application. Yes, we believe, and be it known that we have been in the Church of God for forty years, in November, 1949, and are perfectly satisfied with its doctrine, and lest we still be misunderstood, be it known that we have nothing in common with the wildfire and fanaticism and fleshly motions that are practiced by some people in some places. We want nothing but what God wants, but we do emphatically declare that we do want all that He does want and which He has provided for His Church.

After Job's great trial, he declared that before this, all he knew about God was what he had heard, "but now," says he, "MINE EYE SEETH THEE," Job 42:5. Oh, what a blessing to have a "hearing ear" and a "seeing eye"! Job caught the vision. Have you, dear reader? Paul caught the vision. Yes, he saw Jesus and heard Him, also. (Acts 9:3-6; 1 Cor. 9:1), and after he had suffered, perhaps more than any other human being ever suffered, for thirty years or more, he could say, "Wherefore, O king, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

We firmly believe that people can know the Lord and then backslide, and some people get in easy and get out

the same way. They don't go very far with the Lord. But we firmly believe that if one gets the old-time vision, they will want all that God has for them and will never be satisfied until they get it, and they won't backslide so easily. We repeat that it is a blessing uncomparable, to hear Him, and further to see Him and know Him. Do you know Him, dear reader? If not, then "acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee," Job 22:21.

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that almost sent us on to be with Jesus. We had a car wreck, in which we lost our car completely and almost lost our lives, but by the prayers of the saints of God throughout the State, God has wonderfully healed me and my wife. During this time, our son-in-law, C. T. Boone, who is a member at Warrenville, came to the rescue, carrying on until we were able to get back to carry on for God.

We think how the Scripture points out (Luke 10:2) that the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, so let's work while it is yet day. Souls are dying that want the gospel of Christ. Pray for us at Barnwell that God will give us a building soon; also pray for our work at Blackville.—C. P. Cashatt, Blackville, S. C.

LIFE IN AFRICA

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in body but happy in heart to know that the poor have the gospel preached to them. We are now ready sit down to dinner, though it may be a bit early. However, when one starts out early and under such a strain, it is necessary to take some care of these temples of clay, if we are to keep going. Sometimes we are able to get in about thirty minutes or an hour of rest before time for the afternoon meeting with the white Portuguese in our little chapel, in which meeting we are also trying to start a Sunday School. Then again at 8 p.m. a regular gospel meeting, here also in the chapel for the white people. As I have already mentioned, we have found that we cannot have mixed crowds, as the white people will not come (since they are not Christians) if there are natives.

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